

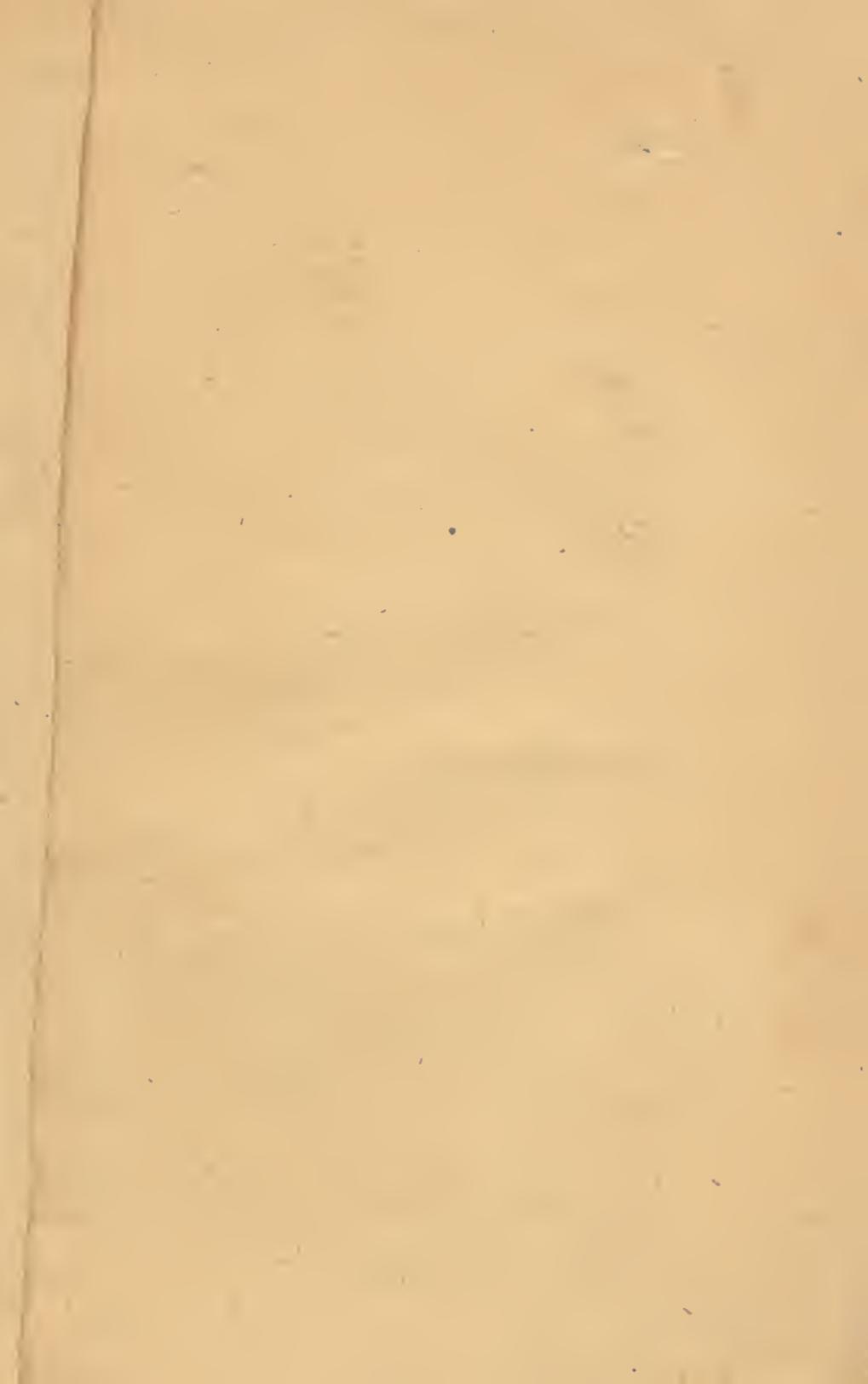


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A

Plain and Practical DISCOVERY Of the Nature and Cause of the *SECRET DISEASE.*

WITH

A Short, far more Private, Easy, and Compendious
Method of its Cure than any hitherto Extant.

To which is Appended,

The Grand Impostor Discover'd.

Being REMARKS upon the *Practical* and *Philosophical* Scheme of the *Secret Disease*: Wherein is made appear, by undeniable Demonstration, the Insufficiency of that Author's *Royal Specifick*, (which is Sold at Mr. Pratt's, at the *Angel* in *Cornhill*; and at Mr. Barnett's, a *Perfumer*, over-against the *Hay-Market*) to perform any *Radical Cure*, &c

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By S. T. M. D. 110594

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HE Author's Design in the following Tract, being chiefly to instruct the Judgment; does therefore hope the Reader will Excuse his Exceeding plainness through the whole, and fix your Eyes on the Argument; the height of his Ambition being to Write, *Non diserta sed fortia*, Not to tickle the Fancy, or to feast the Eyes or Ears, with fine Phrases and elegant Expressions; but throughly to convince the Judgment: This is his Design, but how performed, he must leave to the Determination of the impartial Reader.

He does not question, but so soon as it shall show its self to the World; it will meet with a great many Adversaries; but this is his comfort, that the greatest noise will come from the Empty, Carping *Momuses* of the Age, who like paltry Curr's will be Snarling at the Horse Heels; because they cannot reach the Rider: And to expect a fair Treatment from such is down right ridiculous, and as he expects not, so he desires not their favour. For

Justum ab Insipidis petere, Insipientia est.

Is a truth Plautus hath long since determined. And therefore if any shall oppose him with Scurrility, he will answer them with contempt. For

*Irrita Vaniloquæ quid Curas Spicula Linguae?
Latrantem Curatne Alta Diana Canem?*

As to the Learned and Judicious, if any such shall condescend to peruse this small Tract. The Author's Address to him shall be in the Words of the Poet

*Laudatus Abunde,
Non Fastiditus si tibi Lector ero.*

To Answer my proposed brevity ; I've here given you a short and compendious Account of the *Secret Disease*, as also of the several Gradations or Advances it makes upon the Microcosm, or little World, Man, when once infected ; and likewise some of the more *Ordinary Symptomes* whereby it begins to show it self ; then I've given you a brief Account of *Specificks* in General, and of the Power and Efficacy of my own *Specifick* for the *Secret Disease* in particular ; but the Method of Cure being more proper to be inserted, in the book of private Directions, seal'd up with my *Specifick* Medicines (Sold at Mr. Lovell's a *Toy Shop* over-against Great-Suffolk-Street-End near the *Hay-Market*, Pall-Mall ; and at Mr. Jeremiah Pain's *Toy-Shop* at the *Bunch of Grapes* in *Popes-Head-Alley* over-against the *Royal-Exchange*, *Cornhill*;) I therefore omit them Here.

PERHAPS the Reader will say I'm, to harsh, Satyrical and particular in my Remarks upon the Author of the *Practical and Philosophical Scheme*, &c. but let me tell you (*sub Rosa*) considering the Horridness of his Crimes, and to prevent my Countrymen, for the future, from being imposed upon, by any such Invader of the Common Wealth of learning, it was impossible for me (without being guilty of partiality) to put it in a milder Dres.

CHAP. I.

Of the Nature and Cause of the Secret Disease.

I Shall not try my Readers Patience, with a long and Tedious Repetition, of the many and various Opinions, Numerous Appellations, original Climes, &c. that the Ancients, as well as Moderns, by their Indefatigable Study and Learned Lucubrations, have made on the first Rise, Nature and cause of this *Disease*; which when known, would be of no Use or Advantage, nor make the Patient either wiser or better in his Cure. I shall therefore, with all the brevity and perspicuity Imaginable, Lay before the Reader what shall be most necessary for the perfectly understanding his own Case, and the more Effectually and Expeditiously Curing himself; and therefore I conceive, it will be sufficient, to take notice of the common Means, Concomitants, Accidents, and various Circumstances, wherewith this *Disease* is generally attended.

The Names by which it is commonly known are, *Lues Venerea*, the *Venereal or Secret Disease*; which is Occasioned (tho' not always) by a promiscuous Mixture of Different Company, and contrary Species of Seeds in One, and the same Woman, through the Activity of Spirits and the Volatile Salts with which the different Seeds abound; does so rarifie and ferment in the Womb, as to produce a change of Figure, Texture and Cohæsion of the Parts; from whence it becomes a Corrupt Body and Acid. Corruption according to the common acceptation is derived from the Latin Word *Corrumpo*, *quasi, a Con- & Rumpo*, is nothing else but a breaking of the Shape, Figure, Texture and Cohæsion of the Parts, which are Globular, Smooth, and Flat, in all sound Bodies; but by change, they become *Rugged, Sharp Pointed, Ragged and Shattered*. Fermentation is a rare Faction excited and Aëted by the Heat and Air, penetrating into the Pores of the Texture, figure and Cohæsion of broken Mixed corrupt Bodies, Rarifying the Volatile Salts therein, it sets the *Sulphurious and Oily particles* into Motion, and

so occasions a Fermentation, and then a stinking Putrifaction, and as all Bodies are more or less such, as their Corruption is from more or less perfect things, it's no Wonder then that (from the Corruption of a Matter so refined and pure as humane Seed is) the very worst of all Distempers shou'd proceed.

There are several other ways (which many from Woful Experience can attest) by which the Malign penetrative particles of this Infection, may be transmitted from any part of an infected Person, into the Cuticular Pores of any part of a sound Body; for no sooner 'tis through these Pores, than it meets with some of the Fluids of the Body, which Viciates, and by further fermentation, converts into a Virus of its own Nature.

But that every Person, may be fully Satisfied herein, how and by what means Persons do so often become Infected with this *Disease* I shall hereto Subjoyne a particular Account of some other Occasions of this Infection.

Altho' more Persons do receive this Infection by the *Venereal* Injoyment of an infected Companion, than by all other ways whatsoever; yet dear bought Experience to many, tells us that its often got by a lustful Alliance with the Obscene Parts of an infected Woman, and a Man may give it to a sound Woman (if he has a Violent *Gonorrhœa*, *Shankers*, &c. although he has not enter'd her Body.)

This may also be receiv'd by Lasciviously Kissing any one, who has *Venereal Ulcers* or *Sores* in his or her Mouth or Throat; as also by lying in the same Bed for any Considerable time with any Person (tho' of the same Sex) that has the *Venereal Disease* in a high degree; will communicate the Infection to a sound Person, so likewise will any Garment worn by a Person severely *Poxt*, give it to a sound Person, which by its infectious Effluvia's enters most parts of the Body, and fixes in the Miliary *Glands*; and occasions unusual Itchings, Tinglings, and little breakings out in the Skin, not soon to be Cured.

A great many Infants bring this *Disease* with them into the World; their Parents being *Poxt*, and although at their Birth they may be seemingly Clean and Sound, yet they will soon discover their *Disease* by unusual breaking

breakings out, &c. and those Infants thus Infected, oftentimes gives this Disease to their Nurses, both by being Suckled, Kiss'd and Fondled by them; Nurses thus Infected, has likewise given it to sound Children (and tho' without their knowledge) they have likewise Infected their Husbands from all which it appears what Caution Parents of sound Children ought to take in giving their Children to be Suckled by sound Nurses, or fondled by sound Nursery Maids, also Nurses ought to take Care what Infants they take to Nurse.

There are diverse other Brutish ways, by which this Disease may be Propagated; but I shall neither here defile my Readers Ears nor try his Patience with reciting them, but shall refer them to consider under what Degree their Infection is Comprehended and accordingly their Cure.

CHAP. II.

Of the Third different Gradations of the Secret Disease.

Grad. 1st. **T**HE Conjunction of the two contrary Species, Man and Woman, whose Coition is not improperly said to be Vicious and Impure when either of them first Infected, communicates to the other, the Malignity of the Distemper, by the very Action; the Parts at that time being turgid, dilated, and distended, with vigorous Blood and Animal Spirits, by which their Pores are more than usually open'd; and the Air within the *Tube* or *Urinary Passage* is so rarified, that no sooner the Seed is Ejected, and the Air that remained in the *Urethra*, thrown out, but Immediately through the weight and Elasticity of the External Air it rusheth in again, Loaded with *Venereal Steams*, and, Enters into all the Cavity's of the Parts of both. The Corrupted Matter being thus inwardly received, in a short time (like all other Corrosives whose Particles are Sharp, pointed and Ragged) it so frets, corrodes, corrupts, exulcerates and excoriates whatever Parts or Pores it has Entered or touch'd; so as to cause a tenderness,

heat, redness, Itching, Inflammation, with Superficial little Pustules, Weals, Blisters, and small Ulcers; which Occasions that insupportable Pain commonly (tho' most Improperly) called heat of Urine; The Urine being no hotter then, than at other times, but the Passage being full of those little Blisters and Ulcers, becomes Raw and Sore, and of consequence is fretted by the Acid, and Saline Nature of the Urine, which Smarts and seems to Burn and Scald, as it goes thro'; Just so will any Sore or Raw Place Smart if you put Urine upon it: It is likewise Attended with a gentle Running of Putrid Matter, that Drips and Owze away and appears like clammy Drops, upon Squeezing the Parts; any Infection of this kind, may properly enough be called a *Luminary Clap*; it being no other than a Superficial Ulcer or a local Injury, adhering only to the Parts first Infected, and may therefore be cured mostly by External Applications, and good Advice.

Grad. 2. The aforesaid venomous corrupted Matter, still increasing, and creeping more and more down the Passage, it Eats in and thro the capillary ends of the *Lacteal Veins*, and *Lymphatick Vessels*, Insinuating its self amongst the *Salabrious Juices*, and throwing it self into the Blood, corrupts the whole Mass, upon which, the Body breaks out into *Blotches*, *Boils*, and *Ulcers*; by reason the parts having lost their retentive faculty, it is therefore attended with a virulent Running, and frequently with Swellings in the Groins, and Testicles, as also Contraction, of the *Frænum* or *Bridle* in Men, causing great pain, Especially when hot in Bed. Thus much for the Second Gradation or Degree.

Grad. 3. When the aforementioned Symptoms are not remedied, by a timely Application, for an effectual Cure; then the Malignity of the Distemper, by a longer Continuation, still Increases; and the acid Humour being more subtle and penetrating, insinuates and settles it self into every Part of the Body, and by its most violent Acidity, it gnaws and eats thro' the Tendons, Nerves, Gristles, and Bones, causing them to Putrify and Rot; And of Consequence separate from the good Part, and comes away. This Degree is generally attended with these dismal Consequences, *viz.* A shortness and stinking of Breath, hot and

and sore Eyes, gnawing Pains, consumptive Coughs, Phthisick, Hoarseness, Vertigo, &c. and then the Disease looses it former Name of a *Clap*, and commences that of a *Pox*; which is the Third Degree of this Disease.

C H A P. III.

Of the several Symptoms whereby this Disease does usually discover it self.

AS there is a real Distinction, (obvious even to the meanest Capacity's) in the Lineaments, Features, and composure of every Face whereby they may be distinguished one from another. So the Humours and Constitutions of their Bodies are as Various, and its Symptoms as Multifarious; it would prove an endless Task, to give a particular Enumeration, of the different and innumerable Symptoms, by which, this Disease first discovers it self, upon the Bodies of Men, and Women: I shall only at present, take Notice of these more obvious and common Symptoms; from whence, I am satisfied any Person may discern whether they are Infected or not,

If the Person injured, has got it by Coition, then it usually discovers it self, in a few Days, at most in a Week's time, by an unusual, tho' slight Pain, and rouling of the Testicles, an Heat, and pricking Pain in the Urinary Passage, especially towards the Prepuce or End, attended with a Tenderness in the fore Skin, tho' not discernable, unless you squeeze the Yard; it is also attended with an Inclination, often to make Water, which is followed by a furrowing up of the Urinary Passage, and then a small Gleet or Owzing, which at first appears like the white of a raw Egg, but shortly after changes into a Greenish or Yellowish Colour.

In others, when the Infection has been more severe, it appears by an extream Heat of Urine, painful Erections, whereby the Nut of the Yard becomes sore, by reason of the contraction of the Frænum or Bridle, and is a Cordee.

In some, it commences with a vehement, and insupportable Pain of the Head, as also extream Pains in the Arms

Arms, Shin-bones, and Shoulders, &c. and that for a considerable Time before it displays it self any other way.

In some Persons, where the Infection has been more malignant, it comes with a virulent Running of the Reins, or in the Secret Parts, with an extream Heat, and scalding of Urine, &c.

In others, it begins with a Stiffness and Pains in the Joynts, and Limbs, attended with a Soreness in the Eyes, and a great Weakness.

In many Persons, after a short time Running, one or both the Testicles are Swelled and Painful, and then the Running commonly ceases, by reason the corrupt Matter that should flow away, precipitates thither, occasions cold Shivering, Faintnes, and sick Qualmes, &c. but as these Fits abate, commonly the Running return again.

In some it appears with an involuntary flowing out of Corrupted Matter, without any pain or Uneasiness at all.

Some Persons take it with a Debility in the Joints and Limbs, a dulness of the Spirits, Heaviness, Melancholly, soreness in the Throat, and a great heat in the Palms of the Hands, &c.

In Women it is usually attended with a Running, which they generally overlook, by taking it for the Whites, till (and that sometimes too late) they are undeceived, by its Super-abundance and Increase in quantity, change of Colour, attended with smarting and pricking Pains in making Water; and sometimes an Inflammation and Soreness, &c. in and about the Privy's with which Symptoms, they are not so soon afflicted as Men, nor usually with so great Severity; yet are more difficult than Men to be Cured. And in some Men, as well as Women; where their Constitutions are very Strong and Healthy, and the Infections slight; the Symptoms are so very Mild, as not to be taken notice of.

These are some of the more usual Symtoms, by which this Disease commonly displays it self in the beginning of the Infection; both in Men and Women, but does commonly Vary, according to the difference in the Temperaments and Constitutions of each Body; or as the Degree of Infection, has been more or less Severe; and Malignant in the Party Infecting; and therefore it will

will show it self in some Men in Three or Four Days, which in Others will not appear in almost as many Weeks or Months, but it would be a difficult Task to Account for all the Variety of Symptoms, that *Venereal* Patients, according to their Age, Sex, different Habits of Body, Malignity of the Infection, Way of Receiving, &c. are afflicted with ; let these already recited ; suffice.

C H A P. IV.

Of Specificks in general, and the Authors in particular.

IT's acknowledg'd by all Searchers in the Mysteries of Nature, That all things in this World (one excepted) are specified, every Individual (at the Command of the Eternal Fiat) assuming its particular Form, and arising out of that *Chaos*, or universal Matter, which contain'd all Things in *Potentia*, before they were brought into Act : All Beings were, no doubt, (by the Eternal Purpose of God) determined to the particular Uses and Ends for which they were created ; of which, *Adam*, whilst in a State of Innocence, had a clear and intuitive Knowledge ; but, by forfeiting his Integrity, Sin was introduced into the World, and as a Consequence thereto, those innumerable Miseries, and complicated Diseases, (we Daily undergo) were entail'd by him upon all his Posterity : And the remedying of which, the Mist of Sin being before Men's Eyes, they have ever since grop'd and stumbled in the Dark, being denuded and deprived of that Knowledge, by which they might discover the Use and End for which every thing was intended.

And altho' *Solomon* (by a supernatural and divine Inspiration) knew the Use and Virtue of every Plant, from the Cedar in *Lebanon*, to the Hyssop on the Wall, and consequently the several Diseases for which they were specified and adapted ; yet are we at an unspeakable Loss since these his Writings are not to be found. It is nevertheless not to be Denied, but that a great many Learned Men, Ancients as well as Moderns, by their strict Enquiry

quiry into the Secrets of Nature, have found out, and been Masters of many *Specifick Medicines*, (witness *Paracelsus*, *Helmont*, *Riverius*, *Sydenham*, *Boyle*, and many others) whereby they almost wrought Miracles in the Cure of Diseases: In search of which Mysteries, I have in my Practice of *Physick* and *Chymistry*, found out and discover'd several *Specificks*, by which I have wrought extraordinary Cures, especially on this Disease, which is the Bane of Mankind, by Vertue of my *Specifick*, which I may be bold (without an Hyperbole) to say, is the only *Specifick* in the World, and will Answer that which others only pretend to, especially One who has Impos'd upon this Nation, this two Years past, by Making a great Noise and Bustle about his *Royal Spec'fick Grain*, the Insignificancy and Inability of both it and its Author, to perform any radical Cure, I have, I hope made appear in the latter part of this Book.

It is of very small Importance to the afflicted Patient, to detain him from his Cure, by a long and tedious discourse of the Power and Efficacy of my *Specifick*, and its way of Operation, as also my Method of Cure; which is more proper for the inside Directions that are Seal'd up with the *Specifick* to which I refer him, let it suffice, that it is of that Singular Nature, to encounter with the Morbifick Matter, and expell the *Venereal Contagion*, causing a Separation of the vicious Humours from the others; working by all *Cathartick*, *Diaphoretick*; and *Diuretick* Ways, without Vomiting (or Nauseousness) which would be very Pernicious to the Patient.

It is most Easie, Pallatable, and Pleasant, and may be taken with much more Privacy than can be imagined, containing all things Necessary, for what ever Stage or Degree of the Malignity you are under without hindrance of Busines, or Confinement to any Particular Diet; neither shall I send you to *Chymists*, *Apothecaries*, *Surgeons*, &c. for *Diet-Drinks*, *Unguents*, *Diureticks*, and a Thousand such Slip-Slops, Prescribed by these Empty Medicine-Mongers, the Purchasing of which arises usually to more Money than the Prime charge of their Insignificant *Specificks*.

This my *Specifick*, with particular Directions for every Degree of the Distemper, lies Sealed up at Mr. Lovel's a Toy-Shop over-against great Suffolk-Street-End, near the Hay-Market, Pall-Mall; and at Mr. Jeremiah Pain's, a Toy-Shop at the Bunch of Grapes in Popes-Head-Alley over-against the Royal Exchange, Cornhill, and no where else: Price 1 Guinea, the Coat of Arms on the *Specifick*, agrees with that on the Title Page of this Book. Where are also to be had the following *Specificks*, every one of which will Answer the End, for which they are proposed.

Imprimis. My *Specifick Elixir*, causing safe and speedy Delivery for Women in Travel, the like never before Published. Price One Guinea.

Secondly. My *Essentia Stomachica Regalis : Or, The Royal Stomach Essence*, which rectifies all disorders of the Stomach, (causing a sweet Breath) as Loathings, Vomitings, Reachings, and Sicknes residing there. From Two Shillings to Four Shillings the Bottle.

Thirdly. My *Pulvis Antifebriticus*: Being a most certain and safe Remedy for all manner of Fevers, of what Name, Species, or Kinds soever, and has scarcely been ever known to Fail, where there was any the least Hopes of Life. It is likewise good to prevent Fevers after a Surfeit, or hard Drinking, working only by Sweat and Urine: And if Gentlemen that are obliged to Drink Hard, would take a Dose now and then, it would certainly prevent their ever being troubled with Gout or Rheumatism. Price Ten Shillings.

Fourthly. My *Pillule Specifica : Or, the never failing Flux Pills*, for all sorts of *Loosenesses* or *Fluxes*, White or Red, which are very convenient for all such as travel by Sea or Land, in whatever Station soever they may be; they will find them of singular Use, and the best Remedy ever Published upon that Account. Price Five Shillings a Box.

Fifthly. And also my *Spiritus Anticolicus* : Or a present and speedy Cure for the *Cholick*, (of what different kind soever) in a quarter of an Hour. From Two Shillings and Six-pence to Five Shillings the Bottle,

All which Medicines, with their particular Directions, lie Sealed up (with the same Coat of Arms as is upon the Title

Title Page) at the Places where this Book is given *Gratis*, N. B. And likewise at (*my Grand Specifick*, for the *Secret Disease* only excepted) Mr. Cowell's, at the *White-Hart* in *Clifford's-Lane*, turning up by St. Dunstan's Church, Haberdasher of small Waines; and no where else.

All Merchants, Captains of Ships, or others that Travel by Sea or Land, are disposed to take with them any Quantity of these Remedies, shall have room for large Profit.

The Grand Impostor Discovered,

Being REMARKS upon the Practical and Philosophical SCHEME of the Secret Disease, &c.

I Went the other Day to the Lodgings of a particular Friend, where, amongst the several Books lying on the Table, I cast my Eye upon a Pamphlet, intituled, *Animadversions on the Practical Scheme of the Secret Disease*: The Title pleased me well, and I promised my self a great Satisfaction in the Perusal of it; (having of a long time wish'd that some able and elaborate Pen would curb the Insolence of that bold daring Priest *Tanner*, for defiling his Sacred Character, and Vows of Abstinence, by raking in the Physicians and Surgeons *House of Office*: Yet, I verily believe, that Learned Priest could never have writ so Pointedly on that Distemper, which is the bane of all Mankind, had not he been taught it from woful Experience: But, I'll leave the degraded Priest for a time, and return to our Author of the *Animadversions*. After I had thrown away a small Time in running over the Book, I found my self so far disappointed in my Expectations, by reason he had not taken Notice of any Thing that was Material thro' the Whole, the Major-part of it being stuffed with vain Repetitions, Tautologies, and Quotations from the Author of the *Practical Scheme*: Therefore, I design'd to turn the Tide of my Pen from Prosecuting the *Animadversions*; upon the Author's own *Practical and Philosophical Scheme of the Secret Disease*, whose

wl. & *the Specificks* (as he call it) is Sold at Mr. Pratt's, Cane-shop, at the *Angel* in *Cornhill*; and at Mr. *Babinet's*, Perfumer, over-against the *Hay-Market* near *Pall-Mall*.

And since he has furnished me with Materials for drawing his own Protraiture to the Life from his own Writings, I shall set every Thing in a true Light, by first giving you an Account of the Birth, Education, and several Advances in Learning this Author has made; and thence infer what extraordinary Cures are to be expected from the Prescriptions of this our great *Aesculapius*; and shall next make a few Reflections on the *Author's Scheme*, and thence conclude.

But here I must beg my Readers Pardon, if I can't gratifie him with such a clear and satisfactory Account of our *Doctor's Extract or Birth*, as perhaps they may expect: Yet, as I am credibly informed from several of his own Countrymen, (he being a *German*) that he's descended of such obscure Parents, that his Family is not to be distinguished from the *Plebeian Herd*. After he had attained to the ordinary acquirements of Reading and Writing, our great aspiring *Doctor's Ambition* prompts him on to attempt somewhat that might distinguish him from the *Vulgar*; and therefore he pitches upon a Trade (*Anglice*) a *Taylor*, expecting thereby to raise his cross-Legg'd Fortune, by handling the *Spanish Pike*, to the hazard of so many *Egyptian Vermin*: But this not answering our *Doctor's Expectations*, nor his Income sufficient to satisfie the voracious Cravings of his Gormandizing Stomach, (for as I'm told, they have *Cucumbers* and *Vacation times* there as well as here) therefore resolves to put himself to a *Baker*, thereby promising himself certain Bread. But all this while, our *Doctor's proposed Greatness* meets with Disappointments, he therefore resolves upon a way to distinguish himself from the Mob; and thereupon commences *Surgeon Barber*; where besides his other great Attainments, he, in a short time, learn'd to play upon the *Harp*; so when he had no Business in the Shop, (as often that fell out) it was his Custom, to go with his *Harp* to the Windows of the *Nunneries* to Serenade those vestal Virgins, from whose liberal Hands he received more in one Day, then perhaps he could get in his Shop in a Week. But this will not do neither, to raise our *Doctor* to his proposed Greatness;

and

and what must the Poor Man do? He even resolves to leave his Native Country, his Dear Parents, and Kins-folks, and undertakes a Peregrination for the *Golden Island of Britannia*; In Order to which, his Equipage is made ready, having just as many Shirts as Backs, and every Thing else in Proportion, (which, I think, the *Doctor* ought to take as a favourable Providence that he had no more, considering his long and tedious Journey): So having bid a final Adieu to all his Acquaintances, he travels thro' *Germany, Flanders, and Holland*, with many Cold and Hungry Belly. When he was come to *Holland*, another insupportable Difficulty, more formidable then all the rest arises, there being a great Gulph fixed betwixt our *Doctor* and the promised Land, (by some termed a *Herring Pond*) and how to get over it, he cannot tell: Upon which he sets his pragmatical Head at work, to find out a way, how he may be wafted over; he thinks, and thinks again all to no purpose, till he had almost made a dislocation in the *Pia Mater* of his Brains; and thereby run the Hazard of losing the little Senses left him; to Swim over, he knew was simply Impossible and to pay for his Passage he knew was equally Impossible; yetat last hearing of a *Pacquet-Boat* going for *England*; he went on Board with as good Assurance, as if his Pockets had been lined with Yellow-Boys, the Wind Standing fair, the Anchor's weighed, and the Sheets Hall'd home, they in a short time arrived in *England*: There being several Persons of Distinction in the Ship, our *Doctor* steps on Shore, under the Covert of being one of their Servants, he from thence takes his Progress for *London*; where he had no sooner arrived, but as good fortune wou'd have it; he falls into the Company of a *Doctor*, (a Country Man of his own) that made no small Figure amongst the Mobility; he out of pity to his distressed *Lansman*, takes him under his Tuition, well knowing that such a lusty young Fellow might be a serviceable Slave to him, in grinding, beating and shifting his Medicines, and in fine in doing all the Drudgery of his Laboratory; with whom our Pragmatical Gentleman continued sometime, till at length, the old itching humour of Ambition, seized him with such a violent Fit, that he resolves now or never to try his Fortune in the World, conceiting himself

himself to be a compleat *Chymist*, tho' in reality, he knows nothing of the Matter, and so upstarts Mushroome Doctor in a Moon-light Night, a taste of whose most bright Parts, take in the few following Remarks.

Before I proceed to make any particular Remarks upon his Book, I wou'd have you to take notice, that our Nominal Doctor being conscious of his own Inability to write, much less compose any thing, that could bear the Test of a publick appearing in Print, he has therefore all along hired a School Master to compose and write them.

In the *Title page* to the *Practical and Philosophical Scheme* for the *Secret Disease*, he has committed so many Solæcisms, nay, bare faced Fallacy's, that should I pass them without a Remark, I might Judge my self guilty of a Crime no less than a Piacle.

Here our Doctor proposes to teach unfortunate Persons how they may Cure themselves in a few Days, of *Secret Injury's, Owzings, Gleets, Runnings*; and in short he runs over a whole Catalogue of the miserable Symptoms, wherewith this *Disease* is attended; as also the *Gout, Rheumatism, Dropsie*, and all other Ma-ladies whatsoever; without the least confinement or Suspicion even of their bosom Friends, and that by virtue of his Royal *Specifick* whose dose is but one Grain.

Hic vir, Hic est; this, this is the Man, that must Strike the happy Stroke.

Tanquam Umbræ volitant alii, Solus Sapet Iste.

Others like Vapours wander up and down,
This Man alone deserveth Wisdom's Crown.

This is the Man that must raise the fallen Tabernacle of Learning, he that will repair the Breaches, and Build the waste Places of true Philosophy; almost buried in its own Rubbish: Which how difficult, Yea how Impossible the Atcheivement may seem to be, yet the *Super Omnipotency* of this learned Composer, will upon the Head of his Ignorant and absolutely Illiterate supposed Author, make the Crown to flourish,

The truth is, there is Wind and Vapour enough in this Scheme, to fill all the Sails of the Doctor's Ambition, and vain glorious Mind ; Yea over and above to bring the Misery upon him Described in this Monostichon.

Sæpe perit ventis, obruta Cymba suis.

The Dancing Cock-boat, oft away is cast,
When fairest Winds do blow too high a Blast.

And I'm apt to believe, he could never make choise of a more proper means for his own undoing ; than by Suffering his parasitical Composer, to write such great things of him.

Credibile est ipsum, sic Voluisse Mori,

Most like it is that this way he did choose
be undone ; and others all refuse.

But Methinks the Doctor might have foreseen, that the Catalogue of Distempers he Enumerates in the Title Page, are, or least many of them, of a quite different Nature to the *Secret Disease* ; and can never be Occasion'd by former ill Cures as he alledges : I allow they may be posterior, but never consequential to that Distemper ; as proceeding from other causes, of a far different Nature from this *Disease*. And therefore good Mr. Doctor I'll make bold to ask you One Question, how comes this your Royal *Specifick*, to be indued with so many excellent Quality's distinct from, nay contrary to your own definition of a *Specifick*? in the 6th Chapter of the *Practical, and Philosophical Scheme*, ' You say with Doctor Sydenham that a *Specifick Remedy*, is that which acts Electively against some one Distemper, rather than another. The very word *Specifick*, denotes and implies a disposition most of all pertinent, and apt to act on some one particular *Disease*, &c. But your *Specifick* is to cure the *Dropsey, Gout, Rheumatism*, &c. and if this be not a contradiction in Terminis ; I never heard one in my Life. Besides Sir, not to make a Practice of it,

I'll make bold to tell you roundly in your Ear, if you had a *Specifick*, that could Cure really and effectually, the above mentioned Distempers, viz. *Gout*, and *Rheumatism*; (instead of thus making your self a ridiculous Laughing-stock to the World, by selling your Tail-Timber Animadversions, on *Tanners Book* at 3 d. a piece, to defray the exorbitant Demands of your Scrivener.) You might keep your Coach and Six, but as you cannot doe the one, we may very reasonably conclude you know nothing of the Other.

In the 4th *Page*, our *Doctor* says; 'Tis likewise true that this Distemper may be propagated by, Lying, Drinking, and Speaking, only ' with one that is Corrupted ' with it ; or wearing the same Cloath's, lying in the ' same Sheets, or sitting on the same Saddle or Close-stool, ' after any Infected Person.' I shall very readily grant that this *Disease* may be got by lying in the same Bed for any considerable time, with a Person, (tho' of the same Sex) that has the *Venereal Disease* in a high Degree: So likewise will any Garment worn by a Person severely *Poxt*, give it to a sound Person; because in both these Cases, the Infectious Effluvia's enter most parts of the Body, and fixin: in the *Miliary Glands*, Occasions unusual *Itchings*, *Tinglings*, and little breakings out in the *Skin*, &c. But that it should be propagated by Drinking, or Sitting on the same Saddle or Close-stool after any Infected Person, is both contradictory to reason and daily Experience; for were it so Infectious as the *Doctor* alledges, then we should be in as bad, if not a worse Condition than our Fore-Fathers, when the Plague was in *London*, of which so many Thousands Died. For it must be allowed, that in a great many *Taverns* and *Coffee-Houses*, in and about *London*, that are much frequented by Men of Trade and Business; amongst all these we may very reasonably believe there is one or more Infected Person; that Person going to the Necessairy-House or Closestool, and after him it's ten to one but severals clean Persons goes to the same Place; then according to his Hypothesis, they must be all Infected, they being in the same case, must of necessity communicate it to others, and so *ad Infinitum*.

Our *Doctor* has taken up most part of his 5th *Page* in lashing the degraded Priest *Tanner*, and perhaps not, unjustly, for absurdly asserting that a vast number of poysorous Minute Animalcule, by the help of a Microscope, are to be discovered in *Aqua Fortis*; which is no less contradictory to Natrue, than it is also ridiculous and absur'd: But as I do not vindicate the Priest. So I would also recommend our *Doctor* to a Text drawn from the Sacred Oracles, (to which I am afraid he is as great a Stranger as to *Chymistry* and *Philosophy*) and pronounced by one who never knew Sin, *viz.* *Thou Fool, pluck out the Beam that's in thine own Eye, then shalt thou see clearly to take out the Mote that's in thy Brother's Eye.* I leave him to make the Inferences.

A little lower, says the Doctor, ' This being thus premised, it appears, that whoever is not perfectly as well skil'd in *Chymistry*, as in the Principles of *Philosophy* and *Anatomy*, can't pretend to understand the Nature of this Disease: Nor, how or when to oppose *Alcalies to Acids, & Vice versa, &c.*' The Inference is very good; yet, I hope, according to the Scheme of his profound Learning laid down in the foregoing *Pages*, he has not any Pretence to that Noble Science of *Philosophy*, I must, in Addition to his other brighter *Parts*, allow him some small Knowledge in the Practice of *Chymistry* and *Anatomy*; otherwise, I should derogate from his other Acquisitions: For no question, when he took his Degrees as *Master of Arts*, at the famous University of Collegiate *Taylors*, he then learn'd so much *Chimistry*, as to extract his own Cloathing out of other Men's, and then upon Occasion, transmute that into Silver or Gold, and so *vice versa*. And if he is not the very greatest *Clod-pate* and *Numbscull* in Nature, he must be an absolute Professor of *Anatomy*, having Disected so many of the *Egyptian Vermin*, whilst amongst his cross-Leg'd Fraternity upon the Shop-board. So much for our *Chymist* and *Anatomist*.

At the bottom of the 5th *Page*, says he, ' I designed to treat here of the *Chemical Principles* with the foregoing, to explicate the 3d *Stage*; but being more adequate and suitable to be inserted amongst the Experiments in the Chapter of Curiosities, I shall desist from it

‘ it this time.’ After perusing his 7th Chapter of select Experiments and Curiosities, I find the Doctor being sensible of his own Inability for so hard a Task, he has not writ one Word of the Chymical Principles, but refers his Reader to another Book that lies Sealed up with other Curiosities at the Shops where his Royal Specificks are to be Sold: Yet since he has disappointed me in making any Remarks upon it here, I would advise him, if his Book of Curiosities and Chymical Principles is not already published (as I am apt to believe it is not) to let it lyed dormant amongst the rest of his Impertinent Scribblings; or else commit it to the Custody of the rude Flames, and as they are a burning, let him consider how nearly they represent his other writings, in having the same fate, and dying by the same Hands, as will one Day his Practical Scheme and Animadversions,

I purposely omit a great many things that might be taken notice of, in the several Pages of his Scheme, they being more proper to be Incerted in the Remarks upon his Sheet of Private Directions Sealed up with his Royal Specifick.

I am now come to the 16th Page, where he tells us of a-bundance of Experiments Essayed by Dr. Boyle, Pontesque and himself, with many others upon Animal Creatures, such as Fowles, Dogs, Cats, Hedge-Hodgs, and Swine, &c. to reconcile them to the Disease; but all to no purpose. What did these Experiments prove (says he) as much as to say One, is One, a Clap is a Clap, &c. and is but *petitio, probationis a priori*, and don’t resolve what we are in Quest cf, vix. the principle cause and reason why things are as they be; so that they who content themselves with that knowledge only, will give me leave, I hope to tell them, without detriment to their other brighter Parts, they are not a Pin the Wiser, as to the knowledge of the Disease, or its Cure, then they were before, to afford them a reason of the Principle (and hitherto Secret) Cause of this Disease, and trace it from the beginning to the end, must be by quite different Experiments, and such as Gentlemen never yet heard of.

O ! Glorious Nation, but much more happy People, to whom Indulgent Heaven, has been so propitious as in

our Days to raise up a second *Solomon*, nay a greater than *Solomon* is here; for to him is committed the Key to unlock all the Arcana's, and Occult being in Nature, and to make *Phenomena's* appear. But now let's see how far our Spermologust has unriddled this great Mistery, of the hitherto Secret Cause of this *Disease*; and upon further Inquiry we shall find him, tiring his Readers Patience with tedious Galimaufries, and Rapsodies, of ill digested and incohærent Suppositions, of meer Improbabilities, nay plain Impossibilities; Which after perusal, the Reader will of necessity be obliged to conclude our *Doctor*, to fall under Censor of the Poet in this Verse.

Parturiunt Montes, Nascentur ridiculus Mus.

The Hills in Labour were, and troubled all about,
At length to give them Ease a little Mouse creeps out.

But whether do I run? I had almost forgot what he tell us in the Words above Quoted; that this is to be made appear, by quite Different Experiment, and such, as Gentlemen had never yet seen or heard of; and truly I'm of the *Doctors* Opinion, Nay, I am very well satisfied; he never either saw, or Experimented them in his Life, and therefore we must pin our belief to Chimera's, *Non-Entities* and Suppositions in his powerful demonstrations. Admit (says he) a Gentleman puts one Grain of *Sal Microcosmi* to another, they'll Encounter and assault each other, with such abundance of Ardour and Violence, as transcends belief; Then as it were by a mutual consent and Agreement lay aside, and change their martial Temper into warm imbraces, and incorporate with so much Vehemence as immediately to be converted into a Flame, capable to set the whole Universe in an Uproar or Desolation; by Fire. Here the Strength of our *Doctors* Experiments lies in the Supposition of a Salt, almost impossible to be made; then he backs the Experiment with such dismal and direful Effects, as are sufficient to deter any Person from making Tryal; and from thence he infers the fallacy of his Supposition shall never be discovered. But under Correction good

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good Mr. *Doctor*, shall I ask you where must a Gentleman come by this *Sal Microcosmi*, which can be made of no other but a considerable quantity of *Sperma*, or *Se-men humanum*, (for all other Salts made of any part of Man, are upon Tryal found to be false, not producing your proposed Effects) and to make a Salt of that matter merely for the Tryal of your supposed Experiment, (it being of no other Physical Use) were a Sin, Equally heinous against Nature, as it is against the Positive Laws of God.

In the 17th *Page*, he produces another Experiment, establisht upon as weak Principles, and producing as impossible Effects, which he thinks are sufficient (as he says) to make one clearly understand the whole Nature of the *Disease*, &c. and now being *Don Quixot* like, taken with a *delirium*, and fancying himself to have united the Gordian Knot of Obscurity, he in pure Consideration to his Fellow-Creatures, being in an Extasie, bursts out in the following Exclamation, ‘ What a prodigious Calamity and pity is it that *Physicians*, for the Generality are no *Chymists*, and on the contrary *Chymists* (in the Vulgar acceptation) no *Physicians*, &c. Very well Mr. *Doctor*, *rem acu tetigisti*, you’ve hit the Nail on the Head, but then I hope you have no just Pretensions to either, as I have already made appear, let’s hear then what he says a little lower, ‘ it’s not Sufficient (says he) to use a *Specifick*, promiscuously for all sorts of Constitutions and not to know its Quality’s and when to vary it ; for being possessor of 22 Authors *Specificks*; for this very *Disease* from my Predecessours, and other Communications, with old and choice Manuscripts, &c.

And what of all this Sir, if you have the Works of Sir *Kenelm Digby*, Sir *Robert Talbot*, Doctor *Boyle*, *Pontesque* and others who were all your Predecessors, you might have said, you was Possessor of 100 *Specificks*; without Eclipsing the Works of these Celebrated Authors, (whose Memory will be Savory to after Ages) by bringing in Competition with them your old Musty and rotten Manuscripts: But allow, you are Possessor of the Works of these Learned Men, that does not say that you can ever perform any Radical Cure, only Acting by rote,

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and like a *Parrot* in a Cage, your Tongue may Prattle, what your Head does not understand.

And to draw the Reader into a firm belief of your great Ability's and profound Learning, you go on in the same *Page*, saying, ‘ and having gone thro’ three Chymical Courses in Universities, yet found my self at a great Loss in respect to the Management thereof, altho’ at the same time frequently used them in Academicks & promiscuously with great and a stonishing Success.

I begin now Shrowdley to suspect, that the *Doctor* is nearly related to a certain *Quack Doctor* that keept a *Mountebanck Stage* in *Smithfield*, who amongst the many lofty Titles and Epithets he assumes to himself, in his Harangu’s made to the Gaping Mob ; that he may with the more facility Cajole them out of their Money ; designs himself sworne Servant to his most Sacred Majesty King *GEORGE*, which the poor Credulous Herd taking for Truth, and believing him to be a sworne Surgeon to his Majesty, does thereupon part with their Money, and oft times their Health and Lives in to the Bargain ; and who should this Man be all the while, but a Soldier in the first Regiment of Guards, and is indeed a sworne Servant to his Majesty, having taken the Oath as all other Soldiers doe. Just so our *Doctor* here (if Persons of any distinguishing Judgment, would suffer themselves to be Impos'd upon) Endeavours to perswade them in the belief of his great Progress in Learning and *Practical Philosophy*, when he himself knows as I have already made appear that he never was Student in any one University, much less Universities, therefore by his Universities nothing else can be understood than the *Taylors*, *Bakers*, and *Barbers-Shops* mentioned in the foregoing *Pages*, and therefore no Wonder the *Doctor* found himself at a great Loss, in following the Prescripts of these learned and fam’d Physicians ; since he was equally as great a Stranger to the Nature and Cause of the *Disease* ; as he was to the Medicines prescribed, and therefore if they were attended with Success as he says, it must be attributed to meer Chance, and none of his Direction.

Now to put the Super-excellency of his Learning, and the Credit of his Performances beyond all ground of dispute ; he proceeds in the same *Page*, ‘ and since says

' (says he) my particular Application and Study has been
 ' chiefly upon Examining the Nature of different Salts
 ' (from whence all beings in Nature, draw their Origine,
 ' duration and Destruction) it has been so wouderfully
 ' blest by the almost Miraculous Cures, I've wrought;
 ' that I don't repent of the time and Money spent these
 ' many Years past, whereby I have Discovered and per-
 ' fectly understand the different Nature both of the
 ' Disease and Specificks,

Here he has vented several very gross Absurdities, which makes me think he has very ill bestowed his time in Studying and Examiniug the Nature of Salts, from whence he most Ignorantly avers, all beings in Nature draw their Origine, duration and Destruction; had he said that all Things in Nature draw their Origine and Duration from one Universal Salt, or first matter (to the knowledge of which it seems he is an absolute Stranger) then his Hypothesis had been conform to the Opinion of both Ancient and Modern *Philosophers*: But to say that all beings in Nature, draw their Destuction from Salts, is a Position not only contrary to the Universal Laws of Nature, but also Contraditory to common Experience and Observation. There is no true *Physik* but what is in Salt, for Salt was never known to Putrise, nay it hinders Putrifaction and Corruption, in all Things, and what hinders Corruption, preserves also from Destuction. Now it's evident to all the World, that Salts hinders Corruption and a Solution of the Parts, and this not only in living Things, but even in dead Bodies; for if they are seasoned with Salt, then are they preserved from Corruption, and consequently from Destuction. But to treat of Salts in this place; would be quite Extraneous from my present Subject; Therefore I shall Advise the *Doctor* to bestow a little more time and Application in Studying the Nature of Salts, so shall he have less reason to repent of the time and Money spent these many Years past (if his own bare Assertion is to be believed) and not thus, Hand over-Head to vent such incongruities as have (I'm afraid) already made him a Laughing Stock to the whole Commonwealth of Learning.

I'm come to make a few Observation, on the *Doctor's* Sealed up Directions for the use of his *Specifick*; in Prosecution of which I shall pull off the Vizard from the Face of this Empty Pretender, to *Philosophy*, *Chymistry*, and *Anatomy*, by unridling the Mystery wrapt up in this his wonderful Grain; In the next Place, I'll give you an exact Transcript of his general Rules; and under each rule (if there is any thing material to be observed) I'll show you how disingenious our *Doctor* is with his Patient in prescribing Rules that are dissonant with, may even Contradictory to Several Positions laid down in his *Practical* and *Philosophical Scheme*, &c. and then conclude In the 18th *Page* says the *Doctor*,

' The *Dose* of the *Specifick*, being but of the bigness of
 ' a large Pins-Head, and a Grain; working and opera-
 ' ting by all Secretory and Excretory ways. If this now
 ' is no *Specifick* there is no such thing as a *Specifick* in the
 ' Universe, which only rest in my Breast, who am the
 ' sole Author and Inventer of it; This is matter of Fact,
 ' (the most cenvincing Argument that can be,) &c.

Fie upon the *Doctor* to commit so many Fallacies in so few Lines; could he think of nothing else than a Grain of *Salt of Tarter*, Vitriolated, which every Petty *Apothecary* knows as well as himself. Methinks he might have taken a small quantity of *Brickdust*, pounded into an Impalpable Powder, or some such thing, which had been much more puzzling to the learned than vitrified *Tarter* (bought at every *Chymist* for 3*d.* an Ounce) to which he has attributed so many excellent Qualities, as working by all Secretory and Excretory Ways. Here I must be bold to tell the *Doctor* that this is a Manifest Untruth, for I or any Man else may take 20 or 30 Grains of this Salt, (it being like a Chip in Pot-tage) without making any visible Operation in the Body, Secretory or Excretory; unless by Making use of his adjunct of *Salt of Vipers*, which by his favour I must tell him 10 or 12 Grains is sufficient of it self to Sweat any Man that is not of a more than Ordinary strong Constitution, without his insignificant Grain of *Tartarum Vitriolatum*; and yet the *Doctor* will have this to be a *Specifick*, for the *Secret Disease*, Otherwise there is no such thing as a *Specifick* in the Universe, which only

only rest in his Breast, who is the Sole Author and Inventor of it; whereas it is *Omnibus notum*, that the Preparation of this Salt has been known to several Ages past, and is made now and Sold by every Chymist, and to salve all his Enormities, he even assumes the Papal Chair (and in Opposition to Reason, Sence, and daily Experience,) fancying his bare Assertion to be of more Authority, than all the Popes, Fathers, and Councils; he thence Concludes we must needs believe him, because he has told us, that this is matter of Fact, and the most convincing Argument that can be.

Towards the Foot of the 18th *Page*, our *Doctor* to Confirm us in the belief of the Power and Efficacy of this his *Specifick Grain*, says ' Likewise if you throw the ' aforesaid Salt of the *Specifick* in any fragrant distilled ' Water, it will make the *Oyle* of the said Water to ' Swim at Top, &c. What he means by the Salt of the *Specifick*, I don't understand, for as I have already made appear his *Specifick* is a Salt it self, and is endued with no such Quality; I do allow there is a certain Salt; that will perform what he proposes; but what this Salt is, I'm afraid he is as great a Stranger to, as he is to *Philosophy*, *Chymistry* and *Anatomy*.

DIRECTIONS for the use of the Specificks.

Some general Rules, which regard Equally all the Three Stages of the Disease.

1. ' **T**He *Specifick* in the little Pot, may be taken
' wrapt in the Skin of a Raisin, &c. either
' Mornings and Nights, or only Mornings; if taken
' Morning and Night the Quantity of a large Pins-
' Head, or half the Bigness of a Pea will do; but if only
' in the Morning (which is most proper) the quantity of
' the *Specifick* must consequently be increased and then
' the bigness of a Pea will be Sufficient. If the afore-
' said quantities give more than three Stools a Day, take
' less for more Stools will be Fatiguing, and if you
' find it inconvenient to take it so often you may miss
' now and then a Day. Always an Hour after being ta-
' ken, and when it begins to Work, get if you can a
' draught or two of warm Broath, 2 or 3 Dishes of Tea,
' or Coffee, &c.
2. ' When

2. Whenever you take it you may go Abroad or about your Business, but take considerable care against great Motion, Excercise, Strong, Stale, Sowre, Sharp, or Distilled Liquors, Salt or Spiced Meats, all Sorts of Fruits and Cheese, &c. here follow Rules, or expect no Cure, live Regular and especially Chast, for to Inflame the Blood and stir up the Humours therein, does but more Subtilify the *Venereal Venom*, and consequently take deeper Root in any part of your Blood and Body, and Increases the Malignity which you see on many that might have been Cured a great while ago; whereas perhaps their Condition at first might not be half so bad as yours; but we won't mind them do but overcome your self a little and be glad to meet with a perfect Cure.

Remark. Methinks the Doctor might have left this out, for you are not to expect your Cure from his Specifick, if we are to lay any stress on what he says in his particular Directions for every Stage, where after having ordered you how to use his Specifick Medicines in the 3d Stage, he says, ' if you have any Holes, Ulcers, Rotten-Bones, Cancers, Excreffency, &c. or if your case is otherwise than what is Mentioned in the foregoing Rules, &c. Consumption, heat in your Eyes, or whole Mass of Blood, Salty-Tast, Vertigo, and Head-ach, &c. write a Letter to the Author, and he'll assist you with Medicines proper for your Malady. Now has not our Author in the Title Page of his Scheme, and several Places else told us, that all these Symptoms above recited are Concomitants of and Attendants to the 3d Stage; Then our Doctor does as much as say if your Case be really the 3d Stage, do not expect your Cure from my Specifick; but write a Letter to the Author, &c. Now to any Person of the least Discerning Judgment, can this be any thing else but a Decoy, by which he designes to Cajole his Patient, perhaps out of another Guinea to as little purpose as that thrown away upon his Specifick.

3d. ' One of the little Papers being but a Grain and mixt with 15 Grains of the Salt of Vipers, is to be taken but twice a Week only, in the Morning about 7 or 8 a Clock and Sweat quietly at least 4 Hours, and

and then you must miss taking the above said *Specifick*
 &c. during your illness, especially when you Sweat
 keep your self pretty warm in the Day, with Cloaths,
 and your Head particularly at Night, least the *Venom*
 settle therein and cause Violent *Head-achs* and other
 Mischeifs.

4th, ' Throughout all the Cure, whatever Stage it be-
 longs to eat and drink plentifully of *boyl'd-Turnips*,
boyl'd-Milk, *Breth*, *Sage-Tea*, *Whey*, *Milk-Pottage*,
French-Pearl, or *Barley-Gruel*, either of them mixt
 with small chopt *Parsely*, and with or without *Milk*,
 and if no Occasion don't be Blooded.

Remark. How they are to drink *boyled-Turneps*, I can't understand, unless he means the *Syrrup* or *Juice* of *Turnips*, and then he should have given them Directions how to have made it, otherwise the Patient is at a loss; and I think he is much more out of the way, to prescribe *Milk* in the *Venereal Disease*, for altho' it be of an Alcalizate Nature, yet it is soon Corrupted and Putrified, by a Vitiated Ferment into an Acid, the *Coagulum* of which must of Consequence be of a hard Digestion, he concludes this Rule; if no Occasion don't be Blooded, here I think the *Doctor* should have given his Patient a particular Charge by all Means to be aware of Bleeding; but the poor Patient is left to stand upon his own Legs, and depend upon his own Judgment, the *Doctor* being sensible of his own insufficiency, for as it can easily be made appear Bleeding is very prejudicial in most Distempers, especially in this; If it be a Liminary or outside Infection; by Bleeding [which the Patient being left to his own Discretion may Ignorantly do] thé *Disease*, *Secundum Artem* is propagated in a short time, from an outside Infection to a Virulent *Clap* and so to a *Pox*, if not prevented by a right Application.

5th. ' During your heat of *Urine*, get by a *Chymist*, made up for 3d. the following *Diuretick Powder*. Take calcined *Mussel-Shells*, *Salt of Prunella*, *Vitriolated Tarter*, of each, a Dram all in *Powder*, mix it and make six *Doses* thereof, take one every three Hours; or if you like Drops better, get by a *Chymist* half an Ounce of *Tincture of Tartar* mixt with half an Ounce of *Tincture of Antimony*, [both for Six-pence]

‘ pence] Take 80 Drops every 3 Hours in any Li-
‘ quor.

‘ 6th. ‘ If you have got a Running you must Syringe
‘ your self often in a Day to keep the Urinary Passage
‘ open and clean. You may buy a Syringe at any Pew-
‘ terers-Shop for 8d. tye first in Water in the Shop,
‘ whether it makes a good Stream or not.

‘ 7th. ‘ To make the Lotion is in the manner following;
‘ mix the whole Pot full with a full Point of *Plantaine*
‘ or fair *Water* in a *Bottle*, and put to it 2 Spoonfuls of
‘ *French-Brandy* or a Spoonful of *Champhire Spirit*, keep
‘ it close and use it after the manner following, first shake
‘ always the *Bottle*, than pour out near two Spoonfulls
‘ and warm it over the Candle, &c. then put first the
‘ Syringe into the Liquor that no Air get in [which
‘ would hurt you] draw the Squirt to and fro’ to make
‘ first a good Stream and mix the Lotion; than draw
‘ the Squirt about half out, take it out of the Liquor and
‘ and draw the Squirt a little more out to suck a little
‘ more Air in [to prevent spilling aside applying it to
‘ your Private Parts, and keep the Point of the Syringe
‘ close in the Orifice of the Urinary Passage with your
‘ left Hand and with the next Finger to the Thumb of
‘ your right Hand Squirt it in and draw the Pipe out,
‘ and keep the Liquor in as long as you can.

‘ Take notice before you inject the Lotion, you must
‘ always first inject warm *Milk*. therefore get always
‘ first, half a point of *warm-Milk*, put half a Spoonful
‘ of *Camphire Spirit* or *French-Brandy* to it, and Syringe
‘ you with it before the Lotion, than with the rest if
‘ you are a Woman, wash your parts, or better if you
‘ are a Man hang your Yard or whole private Parts if
‘ it is swell’d Sore or broke out, with *Weales*, *Red-Spots*
‘ &c. for some Minutes in that *Milk* is warm as you
‘ can bare it, and then put Ointments or Plaistis to
‘ it.

‘ 8th, ‘ For to keep Plasters on your Private Parts get
‘ a Leather Thimble like the finger of a Glove, with a
‘ hole before, to make water through. and keep it on
‘ overall, tye it by two Strings about your Waste, so if you
‘ have a running tye a Naptkin or Handkerchief about you,
‘ which

which will hide you from being discovered by your foul Linnen.

‘ A Woman had best to keep her Plaister on her Parts.
 ‘ Tye a four times double String made of your old Smock.
 ‘ &c. about you, and on every side backward, fasten two
 ‘ such other Strings, and put it from behind through your
 ‘ Leggs to fasten it by your Navel, on that String about
 ‘ you between your Fundament and Private Parts few’d to-
 ‘ gether, that none of them can slip aside, and so keep
 ‘ Plasters, or any thing on.

9th. If you have any Soreness, Nods, or rising Buboes
 ‘ spread a little Diachlon [made with Gums] on a bit of
 ‘ Linnen Cloth and bind it on. You may buy a Penny-
 ‘ worth at the *Apothecaries*, but if a Buboc arises so a
 ‘ great height, and is very corrupted, you have best let it,
 ‘ break; and after it is broke put a Tent with Basilicon
 ‘ Ointment into the Hole with a Paracelsus plaster over
 ‘ it, and before draw it after that Manner, till it be heal-
 ‘ ed up.

Remarks. Here he is very Solicitous to his Patient for his Management of a Bubo, if it arises so to a great Height; which shows that he's now become diffident of the Power and Efficacy of his Specifick, as being unable to Encounter such a Powerful Enemy; for had it been Endued with such Extraordinary Quality's he has attributed to it in the 7th Chapter of his *Scheme*, [the Contrary of which I have already made appear,] then every body wou'd much more reasonably conclude, he might have prescribed a Dose or two of his *Specifick*, which wou'd have carried off the Morbisick Matter; sooner then Tents-Plasters, &c. which are the common Butchery's us'd by every *Surgeon* to Cruciate there Patients, thereby to Extort another Fee from them; whereas 'tis a known Maxim in *Physick*, if the cause is Remov'd, the Effects will cease, but as I have hinted before; he knew very well his *Specifick* would not do it, therefore he advises to a Method much more tedious and Cruciating.

‘ 10th. If one or both of your *Testicles* be inflamed,
 ‘ Swelled, and Sore, take of dry Sage of *Uertue*, *Can-
 ‘ mile*, *Melleot* and *Lavender* Flowers, of each half a
 ‘ Handful, and heat them in *Claret* or *Milk* and lay it
 ‘ on, renew it when it is cold till the Swelling is gone,
 ‘ but

but if this be too troublesome; and can't be observ'd
 Ly reason of your Affairs, then buy half a Pint of Bean
 Flower at the Corn Chandlers, Camphire in fine Pow-
 der [to do with a few drops of Spirit of Wine, must be
 put into the Mortar along with it, else it is impossible
 to powder it,] two Drams, enough Vinegar or Claret
 to make it into a Poultise, apply it as warm as you
 can bear it in a *Sheeps-Bladder*, and tye it to a string
 about your Waste, renew this once or twice a Day;
 and it will soon be well again.

Where there is any *Pimples* or *Rawness*, you had best
 put first little *Plaisters* upon them and then the Mixture
 over all the *Plaisters*, *Swellings*, or *Inflammation*, don't
 forget to wash the parts or any Sore with warm *Cam-*
phire-Milk, as the end of the 1th Rule bids you;

11th ' For all *Venercal Weals*, *Pimples*, *Pustules*;
Shankers, *frettings*, and *Rawnesses*, or other such
 breakings out the following Mixture, is the most Cer-
 tain thing it's this, take *Honey of Roses* half an Ounce,
Mercurius Dulcis, *Balsum of Capaivi*, of each a
 quarter of an Ounce, *Balsum of Peru*, *Oyle-Olive* of
 each one Dram, mix all these well together whenever
 you use it.

Takē notice if a *Shanker* get proud Flesh in it or
 have any Excessency's you had best after you have
 wash'd it with *Camphire-Milk*, put a little *burnt-*
Allom, made into an *Impalpable Powder* into it and
 if it Smart a little dont' be afraid it's presently over,
 then lay the Other upon it.

12th, ' If you get *Caruncles* in the Vrinary Passage
 or any *Carious Bones*; or an *Excessency*, *Cancers*, &c.
 in the Womb, Fundament, &c. [which not one in a
 100 hath] leave in the Shop a Letter for the Author,
 and he'll direct you to a particular Surgeon whom he
 Instructs for that purpose.

Remark. Instead of a particular Surgeon, whom he
 Instructs for that purpose, if he had said, he would direct
 you to a particular Surgeon, whose extraordinary per-
 formances in Chyrurgical Operations has rendred him fa-
 mous for that purpose than his Directions had been good;
 but to Depend upon one whom he Instructs, who knows
 nothing

nothing of it himself, I am afraid the Patient will meet but with a very indifferent Cure.

13h. ' If your Head or Body is broke out, wash it first with *Camphire-Milk*, and afterwards with the *Lotion* let it dry, then anoint it with that mentioned in Rule the 11th. Take notice before you do any thing to your Head and Body, you must at least have taken once or twice of the Grains in the little Papers, Mixt as aforesaid.

14th. ' If your Case belongs to the 2d. or 3d. Stage, viz. if you are broke out, find your Stomach foul or feel a load on it; gnawing Pains, &c. begin your Cure with one of the Papers for the 3d Stage, Sealed up with the *Lotion*, and take in the Morning in a Spoonful of *Ale*, &c. after every Vomit, fail not to drink a draught of *warm-Broth*, *Watergruell*, &c. when it has done Working, drink half a Pint of *Mace-Ale*, or two Dishes of *Coffee*, &c. the Day after the next use the like again, then begin with the *Specificks* in the *Gallipots* and the Grains in the little Papers mixt with 15 Grains of *Salt of Vipers* as aforesaid.

Remark. In this Rule he prescribes several Vomits wherein he discovers [in this as in all his other Prescriptions] a great deal of Weakness, it being obvious to the meanest Capacity that the Violence of a Vomit exhales the *Venemous Effluvia's* of the *Disease* up into the Head, which when settled there does often prove of dangerous Consequence; and therefore it's the Universal Opinion of all Judicious and expert Physitians, that Vomiting in any degree of this *Disease* is to be avoided, it being much more safe to carry it off by *Sudorificks*, *Diureticks*, and *Catharticks*, than any other way.

15th. ' If you get a Sore in your Mouth or Throat, take *Honey of Roses*, *Syrrup of Mulberries* of each one Ounce, *Roch-Allom* in Powder half a Dram, dissolve it in half a Pint of *Plantain-Water* wash your Mouth and Throat with it as often as you please. To stop a Running, take half an Ounce of *Gum Dragon*, put it in a Pint of *Rose-Water*, and Sweeten it with an Ounce or two of *Syrrup of Roses*, and when dissolved take Morning, Noon and Night a Spoonful of the same.

‘ I’ll Supply you here with a Diet Drink for your common Drink, if your Case be the 2d or 3d Stage. Take the Bark of *Sassafras*, a quarter of a Pound, *Sassafrilla*, *China-Root*, *Liquorish*, *Burdock-Root* each 2 Ounces, Powder of *Antimony* half a Pound; *Senna*, *Rhubarb*, *Crystal of Tartar*, *Aniseeds*, *Elecampane*, of each an Ounce, boyle these together (every one of them Sliced and Cut) well covered in a Gallon of Water ; a Minute before you take it off, put to it a Bunch of *Red-Sage*, and an Ounce of *Snake Root*, let it stand in a cold place without Straining, and drink it by it self or with *Milk*, continue till you get well again.

Remark. Now lets see how this agrees with what he has most reflectingly advanced (against the abdicated Priest *Tanner*) in the 14th *Page* of his own *Practical and Philosophical Scheme*, &c. whereafter having made large *Encomiums* and tedious *Harangues*, upon the Virtue of his own *Royal Specifick*, he like a *Mad-Man* just broke out of *Bedlam*, falls a beating and throwing his Blows about, and says ; Methinks here comes the noted *Doctor* with his Gallons of Diet-Drinks and Ever-lasting Slops, &c. (meaning *Tanner*) here he brands the Prescription of *Diet Drinks*, with the Infamous Character of Destructive and consuming qualities ; and yet the poor Man, being a little come to himself again, is forced, in consideration of the insufficiency of his own *Specifick* to prescribe his Patient a *Diet Drink*; which to use his own Expressions can be no less Tedious, than they are Nausious and Noxious ; besides the *Doctor* has forgot, how in his *Title Page*, and several other places of his Book, that he says any illiterate Person, tho’ in the Remotest Parts of the World may turn their own *Physitians*, as well as if they had many *Physitians* present. Now by your leave Mr. *Doctor*, how must a Man come at all these Ingredients in your *Diet-Drink*, besides an Infinite number more Scattered in your other Directions, when he is either in the *East* or *West-Indies*, &c. in the use of which (if they will cure at all) depends the Major part of your Cure, and therefore without these, which are not to be come at in a great many Parts of the World, the poor Man, (altho he may have yours or *Tanner’s Specificks* and make use of never so many

many of them) is as far to seek in his cure as before. *Tanner's Specifick* (which is Sold at Mrs Garraways, under the Royal-Exchange, and at the Celebrated Necklace without Temple-Bar, &c.) being attended with as many Nauseous Medicines to be taken along with it as your Own.

DIRECTIONS in particular for every Stage.

First Stage. ' **T**ake the Royal Specifick in the little Pot for a few Days, together, or till you find the Matter that flows from you become of a Whiter and Thinner consistence, and then you need not take it so often, don't forget Syringing yourself, and after all, if the Running is not quite gone, stop it with Rule 16. For Heat of Urine look Rule 5, which will assist and second the Operation of the Specifick chiefly by Urine, after you get well, by no means, leave off taking the Specifick, (for fear of leaving any Malignity behind,) it being the only Specifick in the World to root out the Infection.

2d Stage. ' You proceed as just now ordered for the 1st Stage, but if you have any Inflammation, Swellings, breakings out, &c. I would have you mark and mind your own Rules, before the rest. Here you must not forget to take twice a Week, the Grain with 15 Grains of the Salt of Vipers; let the Salt of Vipers be put in a Viol, when you go to buy it, but you must put some Ale or Water, to rinse them out of the Bottle into a Spoon or Coffee-Dish, and then mix the Grains along with it.

3d Stage. ' First of all begin with the 2 Papers of Powder Sealed up with the Lotion of the 3d Stage, as Rule 14 directs you; when you have done with 'em, take both of the Specificks, viz. that in the little Pot 2 or 3 times a Week, and the Grain with Salt of Vipers twice, and don't forget to Sweat always in the Morning with it; and drink constantly the Diet-Drink. If you have any Holes, Ulcers, Rotten-Bones, Cancers, Excressencies, &c. or your case is otherwise than what is mentioned in the foregoing Rules, viz Consumption, heat in your Eyes, or whole Masses of Blood. salty taste, Vertigo, Head-Ach, &c. Write a Letter to the Author, and he'll assist you with Medicines proper for your Malady.

' If any Gentleman is curious about the Experiments, they lye Sealed up in the Shops with Directions how to use them, with their several Prices, according to their Excellency.

' Those Persons that don't care to be at the trouble to manage themselves, may know where the Surgeon lives, who hath proper Instructions for the Management of the same beyond any other.

Go on Couragiouſly, don't grow Impatient or give over, if the Cure is not preſently finished; things will according to the degree of Malignity receiv'd an Answer in time. Therefore don't grow weary of uſing it, but be glad to meet with that perfect Cure, whereby Kings and Princes have been Cured; and after you find your ſelf well again be ſure to continue for ſome time longer, to leave no Venom behind, or to prevent a Relapse.

Remark Don't the Doctor in this place by endeavouring to Establish the Reputation of this Medicine; tacitely throw a moſt unbecoming Reſection upon the best of Kings and Princes, for were it true as he Alledges, we might very reasonably believe his performing Cures upon ſuch Principalities ſhould have Recommended him to be admitted as one of the Phyſitians, at leaſt in Ordinary to the Potentate on whom theſe Cures were wrought; and not to let the poor Man thus expoſe himſelf to the World, in ſuſh a Quackiſh and Pedantick manner, by Publishing ſuſh *Lefe Majestie* untruths; but I hope the Doctor for his own Safety (if ever hereaſter he appears in Print) will retract this, as well as the reſt of his bare-faced fallacies wherewith his *Practical and Philosophical Scheme*, is ſtuffed, leaſt his perſiſting in ſuſh pernicious Courses bring upon him Condign punishment, as the Juſt reward of ſuſh obſtinate Offenders.

All Directions being fully anſwered and very plain; therefore if the Infecſion be but ſmall, or newly got, one Pot or muſh leſs will cure you, if the foregoing Rules be but obſerved: For altho' ſometimes in higheſt Infecſions, the Patient may ſeem to be well with taking but about half a Pot; yet it ought to be continued for ſome time longer, to carry off Intirely the Venom, and Malignity to prevent a Relapse. But when it has taken deep Root, then Persons ſometimes Imagine (for ſome Persons will be deeply Infected even in Injuries in a few Days, according to the degree of Malignity received, whereas others ſhall have a ſlight Clap for ſeveral Months) but if the Uſe of 3 Disappoint any one, in the Cure of the 1st and 2^d. Stage, if Rules and Directions have been exaſtly obſerved; their Money ſhall be returned again if they have Addreſſed themſelves to the Author by a Letter beſteſt the Uſe of them, all.

Now as by any return of Money, which will not be under 3 Guineas, they muſt have the 3 Pots to ſhew forth (having a whole Month here allowed them for the taking of it, which quantity the bigness of three Cherry's, any Person may Take in leſs than 21 Days, if they have their

Cure

' Cure so at Heart, as to be serious about the matter) with
 ' all the Papers, Seals, and Directions, their Names that
 ' they gave themselves, while they bought it, and the Day
 ' when every one was bought, that Mr. *Burnet*, or Mr. *Prat*,
 ' may find them in their Shop-Books, wherein every Pot's
 ' Name and Day is Registered.

' Likewise declare upon the Word, Honour, and Reputation of a Gentleman, that having taken the three entire Pots, and followed exactly and punctually all the Directions, did not, using it a Day and finding Benefit by it, or left off for some Days together, or after they found themselves well, did not continue for some time longer to root and carry off intirely the malignant Venom, to prevent a Relapse; neither did hinder the Cure by fast Living, or by any Venereal Act; then after all to give a Receipt to Mr. *Burnet*, or Mr. *Prat*, at the return of the three Guineas, for the Satisfaction of the Author, otherwise they must be accountable for them: Compare this with his Proposal at the bottom of the 15th Page of his *Practical and Philosophical Scheme*, where he tells you, That his *Specifick* has always really perform'd what Others only pretend and promise; yet for the further Satisfaction to the Buyer, and to convince the World of the Author's Integrity, If any Person within the space of 21 Days inclusively from their buying it, the Day of Sale being registered in the Shop-Book (not mentioning here the 1st and 2d Stages) shall come to the Shop where they bought it, with declaring on their Honour and Reputation, that having us'd the *Specifick* according to every Rule prescribed in the Directions, and find no Benefit by it, shall freely, without any Dispute, have their Money returned again. Price a Guinea.

I suppose, by this time, the Reader is satisfied of the Author's Integrity, as he terms it; but what can be more disingenuous than what is obvious from this compar'd with the former, I leave the Reader to determine; for should the Patient be restricted to take the three Pots in 30 Days, then the Doctor is sure the Patient will never come to demand his Money again, it being sufficient in that time, to kill any Man, for, as it is evident from the particular Directions to the 3d Stage, the Patient is to take nine Sweats, and six Vomits, which takes up 15 of the 30 Days: Then supposing every one of the three Pots to hold the bigness of 12 Peas, which it does at least, (the bigness of a Pea being the largest Quantity that is to be taken at a time) then these three Pots require 36 Days; so that all the Sweats, Vomits, and Purges, without intermitting one Day in the whole Time, require 51 Days; and yet if the Patient takes not all these in

30 Days (tho' still without his Cure) he is to have no Money return'd again.

After perusal of the Advertisements, (alleged to be Inserted by Persons, that had received their several Cures, from the Royal Specifick) I found them all in the same Stile and Strain with the Scheme it self; which Impress'd me with a more than Ordinary belief, that they were of the Author's own Inventing and composing; and that which confirmed me the more was, that I could not believe the most abject or Mercenary wretch in the Nation, could allow themselves to be so much exposed to the World, by publishing themselves, Names and Places of abode, as receiving a Cure for that Distemper which is the bane of all Mankind; Unless their Extream Poverty (having received a bribe of the Author) had laid them under a Necessity to attest such Fallacies; yet for my own Satisfaction, I obtained the favour of two Gentlemen, upon whose Integrity, I could confide, to go to the several Places according to Directions in the Advertisements; and upon strict Inquiry found most of them to be Non-Entities or no such Persons living in those Places, there were indeed two or three poor Misfortunate People, who, after application to the Author of this Royal Specifick, besides their Loss of time and Money, thrown away after his Medicines were at last, obliged to go to Kingland Hospital, &c. for their Cures.

Now from all what has been observed concerning the Author's Integrity, may we not, without breach of Charity conclude (he being by Religion, a Roman Catholick, and addicted to the worshiping of Images) that the very Day, he delivered his Sheets into the Hand of the Printer: Kneel'd before the Alter of the Goddess Laverna, and made this or the like Supplication.

Pulchra Laverna!

*Da mibi fallere, Da Justum Sanctumque Videri
Notem Peccatis, et fraudibus objice Nubem.*

Laverna fair, this Suit deny me not,
That I may lie and Cheat, and yet be thought
A Man that's Just; let not my Spots be seen,
My Knavish frauds with darkness do thou Screen.

I shall conclude by acquainting the Doctor, that as in this so in all my other Latin Sentences, I have taken care to Render them, into Intellegible English, to save him the trouble of running at every turn to his School-Master with a Latin Verse. And if this Dish don't relish with his Vitiated Pallate;

Pallate, I shall in a very short time present him with another Meſs, that perhaps will please him worse, and because it may be a little ſtrange to him, I'll tell him beforehand, it's to be Intituled, the *Renegado Whipt*; wherein with *Ore Retundo*, I ſhall ſpell his Name out *ad Longam*, till then, I muſt bid him and the Reader farewell.

P O S T S C R I P T.

TO fill up a blanck *Page*, and give the Reader a further proof of the Author of the *Royal Specifick* his projecting *Genius*; I've hereto ſubjoyn'd his *Royal Sauce* as he calls it (ſo often adveriiz'd in the publick Prints) . Eeing as he ſays, the *Effence of Oyfters, Muſtroomes, Anchovies, &c.* a Spoonful of which with as much *Vineger* in Melted Butter makes a moſt delicious *Sauce*, for either *Fiſh or Fleſh*, &c. to be Sold at 12 d. the *Viol*; at the *Wheat-Sheaf*, againſt the *Monument*, at the *Flower de-Luce* againſt the *Exchange* in *Cornhill*, &c. for an Encouragement to thoſe Gentlemen and others, that are willing to take 2 Dozen together, they ſhall have a Receipt given them Seal'd up, being one of the greatest Secrets in Nature, whereby they may draw the *Fiſhes*, contain'd in any River, to any part where they please; ſo any *Ship* Be calm'd at *Sea* may by the ſame Rule draw large quantities thereto of ſuch *Fiſhes* as the Part affords, and no room to doubt catching them.

Is it not diſcernable to the meanest Capacity, that the *Doctor* finding his *Royal Specifick* to lose its Reputation, (being as is already made appear, insufficient for the Cure of that Disease) therefore *Proteus-like*, he changes himſelf into ſo many different Shapes, and ſuffers ſo many Transmigrations or Transmutatiōns, that it will be hard to know him if we ſhould meet him in our Dish : Having first affum'd the Character of a *Taylor*, next a *Barber*, then a *Baker*, after that a *Chymift*, next a *Doctor*, and now laſt of all, he Dwindles down again into a *Cook*, to which he flies as his laſt Refuge or *Anchora Spei* ; what can be more opprobrious, than for one that vainly affum'd the Character of a *Physician*, to degenerate into a *Sauce-maker* ; which is an Indignity that requires a *Lucan's Spirit*, and pen to lay open and explode him. But after all that has been ſaid, if People will rather Snore in the Lethargy of their Stupid Ignorance and unbelief ; then awake to the Disquifiition of Truth ; and will not bethink them of applying to a far more generous, easie, ſafe, and exquifite Way, both to obtain and preſerve their Healths,

argues a Coldness, Dulness and Dotage, little less than Incurable, or a stark Deadness, Contracted by the Opium, and Lethargy, of Epidemick Stupidity.

Note, W. Wright, at the 5 Clogs, in London Street, Goodman's Fields; so often advertis'd in Mr. Read's Weekly Journal, whom the Doctor (to purchase reputation to himself and his Specifick Grain) says was cured of a Leprosie all over his Body, Imbibed at his Birth 33 Years ago, by virtue of his Royal Specifick.

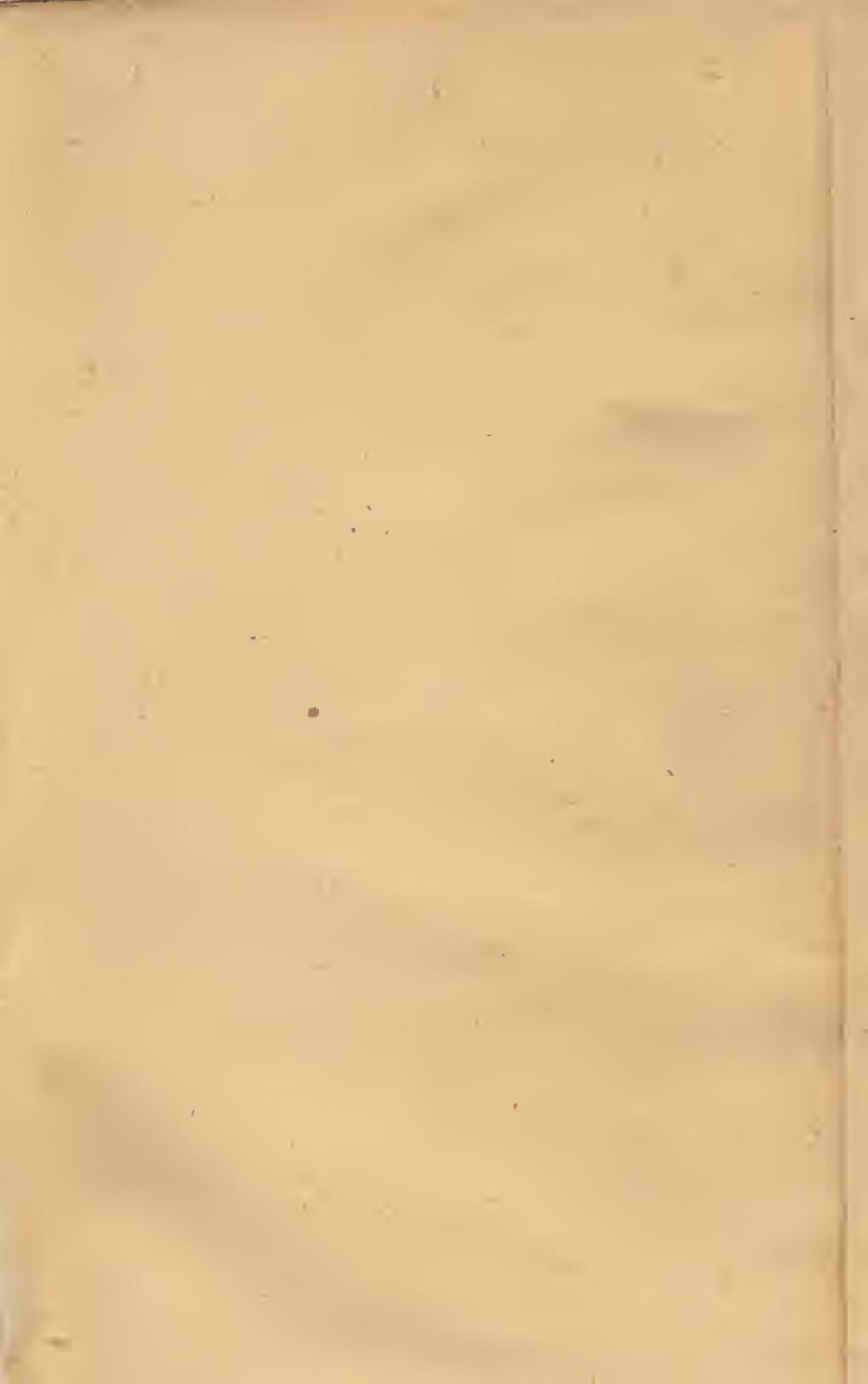
These are to Certify to the World, that I with a Gentleman in Company with me, went to the above nam'd Wright, who, (because we pretended to apply to the Doctor for a Cure, Ingeniously told us,) that the malady was not all over his Body, as was alledg'd in the Advertisement, but was only a dry Scurf or Scab upon his Head and Face, which he contracted, about 16 Years ago, through hard drinking, and non-Application for a Cure of the Venereal Disease, he then had upon him; and altho' he was 33 Years Old, yet is it but 16 Years, since he was Seised with that Distemper of which the Doctor says he is Cur'd altho' he himself does much doubt of it, because the Stiffness, Numbness and debility of his Joints and Limbs, does still continue from all which we may plainly see, there is as much veracity in this, as in all the rest of the Doctor's Advertising Vouchers.

F I N I S.

THE Author's Business occasioning his Absence when it was in the Press, the Reader is desired to Mend with his Pen, these few Escapes of the Printer.

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